

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-34 were previously pending in the above-identified application. In the present Office Action, claims 22 and 23 were allowed; claims 1, 12, 24 and 34 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting; and claims 2-10, 13-21 and 25-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as being otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

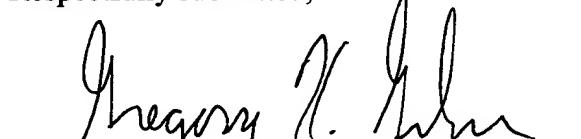
One or more substantive elements of claim 2, indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the present Office Action have been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 2 has been canceled herein. Similar amendments and cancellations have been made with respect to claims 12, 13, 24 and 25. Applicants submit that these amendments overcome all of the Examiner's outstanding rejections and bring the present Application into condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and a notice of allowance of all claims is therefore respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable and earnestly solicits notice thereof.

No extension of time for this amendment is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application and credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Greg Goshorn, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-2491.

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